Recovery of unintended profits

642. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI V NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express of 11th February, 1988 captioned "30 crores to be paid back—Court verdict against multinational drug companies";

(b) if so, what is the final amount worked out by Government which was overcharged by drug companies under DPCO, 1979; and

(c) how much amount has been collected till 31st January, 1988 and by when the balance amount will be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To the extent information made available by the companies, the following are the amounts assessed tentatively by the Special team to be recovered from the companies for the period ending 31st December, 1983.

	(Rs.)
M/s. Hoechst I Ltd.	5,64,12,423
M/s. Cyanamid I Ltd.	4,92,00,247
M/s. John Wyeth Ltd.	1,66,87,232
M/s. Pfizer Ltd.	99,07,731
M/s. Geoffery Manners Ltd.	29,85,268
M/s. Ethnor Ltd.	10,18,543

(c) The details of amounts collected till 31st Jan., 88.

M/s. Hoechst I Ltd.	Rs. 2 Crores
M/s. Cyanamid I Ltd.	Rs. 50 lakhs
M/s. Ethnor Ltd.	Rs. 7,99,134
M/s. Franco I Ltd.	Rs. 42, 936

The details of amounts collected after 31st Jan., 1988.

M/s. Hoechst I Ltd.	Rs. 1 Crore
M/s. John Wyeth Ltd.	Rs. 15 lakhs
M/s. Pfizer Ltd.	Rs. 5 lakhs

Prices of Decontrolled Drugs

643. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3035 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the names of non-scheduled formulations where prices have gone up;

(b) what was the earlier price of each, under Drugs Price Control Order, 1979 before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price of each;

(c) what is the percentage increase in each case;

(d) on what basis monitoring of prices of decontrolled drugs is done; and

(e) what steps have been taken on the basis of such monitoring?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The required details are given in reply to Unstarred Question No. 635 for 29th February, 1988.

(d) Monitoring of prices of non-scheduled formulations done on the basis of information furnished by the manufacturers/importers under paragraph 11 of DPCO, 1987 and ORG report.

(e) Monitoring is a continuous process which helps the Government get information about price changes.